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FE - Mr. Rusk
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I concur in Mr. Clubb's memorandum of October 26, "Project for Organization of 'Free China Committee'".

I would only add that to set up a Free China Committee at this stage would probably be to establish a gravy train. Given the almost supernaturally sensitive Chinese nose for this type of institution, we would find ourselves with a typically overflowing Chinese load of passengers, among whom few, if any, would be willing to get out and walk off into the countryside, where the struggle must begin if it is to be won. I would recommend waiting until (a) we discover a handful of selfless, dedicated, hard-bitten souls, and (b) we ourselves acquire some political sophistication about such operations before we undertake to bring a "Free China Committee" into being.

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